



June, 2011
Federal Communications Commission
Chairman Genachowski
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Julius Genachowski:

The Kristin Brooks Hope Center (KBHC) and The QPR Institute, Inc. have worked together for years to bring suicide prevention education to the United States. Reese Butler has always been a strong supporter of the country's crisis line network and been a champion of crisis lines everywhere and is known to get this real and often difficult work done.

The National Hopeline Network 1-800-SUICIDE number is critical to the public's ability to access crisis intervention services when needed. We support the availability of this number and its endorsement as a national number available to all who need it. While we cannot speak to the financial capacity of KBHC to cover the required costs, we can speak to its leadership, compassion, and action-oriented approach to helping to prevent suicide in America.

The KBHC is a non-profit organization founded by H. Reese Butler II in 1998 after the death by suicide of his wife Kristin. One of the organization's programs is the National Hopeline Network 1-800-SUICIDE which routes over 350,000 suicidal callers each year.

The QPR Institute is a self-sustaining corporation located in Washington State. We are not affiliated with other charities except as providers of training and consultation to their programs and services. Our single mission is to provide the latest technology transfer of knowledge and skills to prevent suicide. KBHC is a major avenue for this training.

Working together, KBHC and the QPR Institute have launched an innovative solution to the new text-only world of suicide prevention by providing training and certification to volunteers, students, and professionals willing and able to serve suicidal people entirely in cyberspace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Quinnett". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Paul Quinnett, Ph.D.
President and CEO
The QPR Institute, Inc.